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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Dun's Commercial Review sums up business conditions for the past week as follows:

Overshadowing several significant developments of the week, the Government crop report is the strongest single factor operating for sustained business progress. Practical assurance of agricultural success was the one thing needed to make the future secure, and important undertakings will be prosecuted with increased vigor now that bountiful harvests are officially promised. Prosperous conditions on the farms are essential to national welfare, and in this connection the prospect of a record yield of wheat and a large output of corn and other cereals leaves little to be desired. Owing to the war, the products of the soil will be sold at unusually remunerative prices, and a vast amount of new wealth will be created here at a time when enormous losses are being experienced in Europe. Never before were there such opportunities for the expansion of American enterprise as exist at present and, in contrast to the pessimism of a few months ago, confidence is now expressed in virtually every quarter. It is no longer the question as to whether business improves, but rather as to what extent the revival of activity has become general. In some directions, notably in building lines, concrete evidence of recovery from past depression is still lacking, but in its broader aspects the commercial and industrial situation reflects decided betterment. This fact is confirmed by various of the statistical barometers, such as figures of bank clearings, failures, pig iron production and commodity prices, one of the few important causes for disappointment being found in the returns of railroad earnings. Numerous difficulties have beset the transporting interests, but obstacles are gradually surmounted and while the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission does not meet expectations, the granting of some increase in freight rates is slightly helpful to the western roads. A reduction of 11,333 in the number of idle cars during July is also moderately encouraging, but the movement of wheat continues much below normal and there is considerably more side-tracked equipment than was the case a year ago. In addition to the crop estimates and the railroad rate decision, the statement of unfilled steel tonnage and the large importation of gold and securities attracted general attention. In regard to the report of the leading iron and steel producer, it merely emphasized the prosperous condition of the great basic industry, but the financial development was quite novel and wholly unexpected. The arrival here from London by way of Canada of \$19,500,000 of the precious metal and an indefinite amount of securities indicates that measures are being taken to correct the abnormal situation in foreign exchange. Strange to say, however, knowledge of this fact did not prevent a decline in demand sterling to the unheard of level of 4.71, while sight bills on Paris also fell sharply to a new low record.

GROWTH OF "AUTOMOBILISM"

The Pendleton Tribune evidently fears that this may soon become a government of automobilists for automobilists. Reciting the fact that there are over 21000 automobiles registered in Oregon, the Tribune says: "Now, to further encourage the automobilist and automobilism, Simon Benson, the four million dollar lumber king, whom Portland papers enshrine among the saints, and who because of his wealth and Portland donations, has been selected as the 'most valuable citizen of the state' for San Francisco Exposition purposes, is at the head of a scheme to bond the state for ten million dollars more for so-called good roads. "Oregon has about 750,000 people, perhaps one-third of them adults. Out of the total adult population less than 10 per cent are in the automobile class. It is becoming a problem as to whether or not the state government should exist solely for so small a number. It is true that they are people of wealth and influence, and perhaps their pleasure ought to be first considered in the expenditure of money, but there is a growing doubt about it in the minds of the common herd. By and by there may be an explosion."

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THE LEADERS OF MEN

It is common for the popular mind to accept a good-natured, easy manner for kindness. The fact is such manner is proof of the reverse.

A man of real kindness in his nature is apt to be rendered irritable in his effort to remedy or alleviate the many woes and right the many wrongs that beset his path.

Old Samuel Johnson, for instance, had the hide of a bear and the heart of a baby. There have been many such; for a knowledge of and a sympathy for those who suffer arouse a just indignation against the wrong-doer and make the true humanitarian uncompromising and combative.

The good-natured man is the one who selfishly avoids all trouble and, finding that it is easier to go through life in harmony with all, is prolific of smiles and kind words and is unsparring of good deeds only when such can be done without offense to others or sacrifice of comfort to himself.

The amiable man who has no views with which to offend, no positive characteristics to antagonize others, no high ideals for which to sacrifice his support, may hold public office as long as he likes, in ordinary times. But he can never be a leader of men, or a master of conditions, and he fades away in time of stress or peril.

Let the student look back over the brief list of men whom we regard as our eminent statesmen, and note the positive character of each, and how little any one of them was possessed of the weak amiability that is supposed to be popular.

Bulgaria has driven a hard bargain with the allies but seems to have received her price and is about to enter the war against Germany and Austria. The Bulgarians evidently remember their neighbors, including Greece and Serbia, combined forces after the war with Turkey and by virtue of an overwhelming force compelled them to give up the territory wrung from the Moslem empire. It is Bulgaria now that is holding the key to the situation and she is making the most of it for which no one can blame her.

A discerning editor in the East has discovered this essential difference between the United States and Germany: That when the German government doesn't like what the newspapers say, it suppresses them; and that when the American newspapers don't like what the government does, they suppress it.

A careful survey of the German submarine war shows that when Great Britain's loss reaches 5 per cent of her vessels, the merchant marines of Denmark, Norway and Sweden will have totally disappeared, is the way the New York Evening Post figures it out.

Those Mexican bandits are accommodating anyway. They always quiet down when something of real import happens and break out with unvarying regularity when front page stories are not forthcoming elsewhere.

Massachusetts has six living ex-governors, but then the chief executive is chosen every year and it has given an opportunity for every "prominent" man to hold the office, or at least be a candidate for it.

Next year being a leap year, the Fourth of July falls on Tuesday. The fellow who was looking ahead for another three days' vacation will be sadly disappointed, says the Seattle Argus.

The Russians have saved their army in their retreat from Warsaw—that is, they didn't lose over 85,000 in a bunch at any one place. And the czar has more men than anything else.

The Russians lack munitions and it is possible that they may also be running short of plausible excuses for their defeats.

Harry Thaw got his name in the papers yesterday for the first time in three weeks. There is hope for him yet.

There is one rumor that never boils up for denial—that of prospective peace in Mexico.

Big crops and good prices ought to spell prosperity in the Willamette valley this fall.

The blowing-up of only one ship caused the Spanish-American war.

HUBBARD HOSPITAL NOTES

F. L. Downing operated at his home for appendicitis last Thursday as is improving nicely.

J. S. Fisher operated for appendicitis last Thursday. While his condition has been seriously serious is doing well at this time.

Mrs. M. H. Hazzler underwent a serious operation Wednesday morning but is resting nicely today.

O. A. Giger is confined at his home at Needy with a very bad knee—Hubbard Enterprise.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Fannie E. Hubbard to Blaine T. Hubbard, part claim 46.73 W. Oregon Investment and Mfg. Co. to Hubert L. Dams, all of lots 9 and 10, blk. 2, Hugh Owens Add Salem. W. A. Jackson of ex to Hugh McCall, lot 1, part 2 D. Buckner of 2 1/2, W.

H. S. Baskerville of ex to Geo. W. John of ex part of lot 1, blk. 36, Salem. S. E. and J. E. Russell to Joseph H. Baskerville, lots 2 and 3, blk. 4, Rosklyn Add Salem.

PICKED HIS POCKET
Some time Tuesday John Wenzel was alleged to have taken \$400 from a suit of clothes belonging to William Donald at Donald's. Wenzel came to Donald from Salem two months ago and passed for a good fellow. As soon as the theft was discovered suspicion was directed to him; he came to Hubbard, was easy with money and left town on a night train. Porter swung out a warrant for Wenzel and the officers have been making all efforts possible to apprehend him without success up to date.—Hubbard Enterprise.

If it's for sale, a Journal Want Ad will sell it.

STATE NEWS

Albany Herald: If H. Beal, a farmer living five miles east of Crabtree, had stoves in his home equipped for the burning of coal, he wouldn't have to use any wood. While digging a well several days ago, Mr. Beal struck a vein of coal 10 inches in thickness. The "strike" was made 18 feet below the surface. Chipping off several large chunks, he tested the coal as to its burning qualities, and found that it was all right. This coal is very brittle and soft, and has a little slate in it.

Boonburg Review: Believing that marketable copper can be obtained from mines in southern Douglas county, Paul A. Crow, a specialist in ore extraction, and William L. Luxton, an engineer, both arrived here recently from Butte, Mont., left this morning for Doe creek, where they will make an examination of several claims belonging to G. A. Davis. The men have an option on the premises and in the event the examination proves favorable, it is their intention to commence operating the claims at once.

While the mountains are becoming very dry this hot weather and the danger of forest fires is greatly increased, the forest officials, says the Sumpter American, "have confidence in their splendid system of fire lookout stations, and almost certain discovery of a fire before it gains headway. This gives them a feeling that they will be able to cope with any fire that is apt to start."

La Grande Observer: Officials hope to stop petty thievery of chickens, etc., by removing rangers who occupy, permanently during the summer, vacant tracts of land near the city by living in tents. People passing through the valley who use convenient spots for camping will not be molested, but persons of questionable character who make their abode for weeks at a time on vacant spots within and without the city limits, will have to account for their bills of fare hereafter.

Taking a tip on town building from Portland practice, the Astorian remarks: "Portland is eliminating the square street corner. Astoria will do well to keep this in mind when improving her streets. There is no reason in the world why a street corner should be square, and there are many why it shouldn't."

Tillamook Herald: The hot weather which has prevailed of late has caused large crowds to go to the beaches. At times every accommodation at the different resorts has been taken. Many tourists have come in by auto. In fact, we believe there has been greater auto travel into Tillamook county this year than during any previous year in its history.

An automobile having reached Salt Creek Springs it is reasonably safe, in the opinion of the Eugene Register, to assert that all parts of Lane county are accessible to automobile travel.

Noting the establishing of still an other garage, the East Oregonian exclaims: "Seven garages for a city under 10,000. Umatilla county must look

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EVENTS IN THE WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

* Allies and Germans battle on 20-mile front from Charleroi to Namur.
* German troops shatter French advance east of the Vosges mountains.
* Russia conquers advance on German and Austrian borders.
* Four-day battle on the banks of the Dniepr ends in defeat of Austrians by Serbs, who took many prisoners.
* Brussels' treasurer refuses German demand for \$40,000,000.
* French troops are driven out of Lorraine and battle at Mulhausen is reported.
* Italy is reported to have decided on general mobilization.

SISTER PASSES AWAY

Sister Claudia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. May, died on Thursday of last week and was buried Saturday in the Academy cemetery. For the

past five years deceased was a teacher at the academy, until last fall when she was obliged to give up her work. She went south hoping a change of climate would benefit her health, returning only a few weeks ago with no improvement.

Tuberculosis is said to have been the direct cause of her death. Sister Claudia was about 24 years of age. She was well known in this vicinity, and held in high esteem. As an instructor her qualifications were above the average and she always performed her duties with a cheerfulness characteristic of a true christian spirit.—Mt. Angel Tribune.

A FRANKFURTER SANDWICH

Zurich, July 22.—(By Mail.)—Copies of the Frankfurter Volkstimme received here contain this advertisement: I sell slightly worn suits made to measure.

GOD only knows how cheap. New suits, overcoats, lining jackets, dress coats, frockcoats, mackintoshes, and trousers are also to be had so much reduced in price that someone almost ought to

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